
**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**November 1, 2007
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.

Members Present

Barnes, Christine	City of La Palma
Bayer, Anne	Gateway Cities
Dubois, Diana	Gateway Cities
Edney, Jon (Chair)	City of El Centro/IVAG
Garcia, Joe G.	SGVCOG
Jasper, Timothy	City of Apple Valley
Lantz, Paula	City of Pomona
Malsin, Scott	Westside Cities COG
McCallon, Larry (Vice-Chair)	City of Highland
McCullough, Kathryn	OCCOG
Morehouse, Carl (via teleconference)	Ventura/VCOG
Norby, Chris	Orange County
Olhasso, Laura	Arroyo Verdugo
Nowatka, Paul	City of Torrance
Nunez, John H.	SGVCOG
Ring, Bob	OCCOG
Robertson, Deborah	City of Rialto
White, Charles	WRCOG

Members Not Present

Coerper, Gil (EA)	City of Huntington Beach
Fesmire, Melanie	CVAG
Daigle, Leslie	OCCOG
Jeffra, Jim	Lancaster
Lee, Laura	Gateway Cities
Loveridge, Ronald	City of Riverside
Mosca, Joseph	SGVCOG

Members Not Present (Continued)

Palmer, Jim	OCCOG
Perry, Jan	Los Angeles
Reyes, Ed	Los Angeles
Serrano, Joseph	Gateway Cities

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Hon. Jon Edney, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM, and asked the Hon. John Nunez to lead the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Kevin Viera with WRCOG requested to speak on Agenda Item 5.1. The Chair requested that Mr. Viera speak when Item 5.1 is presented. There was no objection.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Minutes of October 4, 2007 Meeting

A **MOTION** was made by the Hon. Tim Jasper to approve the minutes of October 4, 2007. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by the Hon. Christine Barnes and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. The Hon. Carl Morehouse, Hon. Jon Edney, Hon. Joe Garcia, Hon. Diane Dubois, and Hon. Laura Olhasso abstained, as they were not at the meeting.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 2008 RTP Draft Baseline and Policy Growth Forecasts

Ms. Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development with SCAG, stated that as a result of two and half years of work, the 2008 RTP Draft Baseline Growth Forecast and Policy Growth Forecast are ready to release for public review and comment. Ms. Harris introduced Glen Bowlen with FCA Associates. Mr. Bowlen and Dr. Frank Wen, SCAG's Program Manager for the forecast, have worked hand-in-hand to develop the 2008 RTP.

Mr. Bowlen gave a slide presentation, which outlined the seven distinct policy directions of the RTP: 1) ID Strategic Infill and Investment Areas; 2) Focus on centers, existing, planned, potential; 3) Develop complete communities; 4) Plan for transit nodes on corridors; 5) Plan for changing housing demand; 6) Protect stable neighborhoods; 7) Plan for more housing and jobs near transit. Mr. Bowlen stated that as a result of increasing capacity and growth potential in areas like transit stations and centers, and minimizing long commutes, several test land use scenarios were developed for use with the transportation model, in order to

identify the best performing scenario. Mr. Bowlen presented the six key points of building the 2008 RTP Draft Policy Growth Forecast: 1) Improve the localized job/housing balance at a local level; 2) focus growth toward transit; 3) less new single-family and more mixed use multi-family housing; 4) reaffirm low/no growth in stable neighborhoods; 5) scale back outlying, separate use commercial or residential development; 6) reduce very high density development types from non-transit or center areas. Mr. Bowlen further stated that the primary goal is to give people access to goods and services and closer access to transit and to the roadway system. He stated that of the modeled results summary, there is only one negative impact and that is on arterial speed.

Ms. Harris pointed out that we are accommodating over 6 million new people, 2 million new households, and 3 million new jobs, through 2035. She emphasized that these results, with the policy forecast, accommodates that growth in such a way that we can actually show we will benefit from the transportation planning perspective, even while accommodating the population growth in our region. Ms. Harris further emphasized that these percentages are compared to the baseline.

Hon. Paula Lantz said that staff needs to communicate more clearly that even though the charts do not indicate a significant change in certain counties, it must be taken into account that these numbers include a population growth of 6 million people.

Ms. Harris then referenced Dr. Steve Levy's presentation to this Committee several months ago. Dr. Levy talked about changes in housing demand as the population shifts and ages. Ms. Harris stated that the main focus is housing type. She emphasized that there will still be single family growth and single family neighborhoods, particularly in those areas that are still developing. However, the trend and the forecast in this particular land distribution recognizes the scarcity of land and the strong in-fill policy that we adopted. This is demand by type, and does not affect the existing single family neighborhoods.

A discussion ensued regarding the comparable benefits between the scenarios.

Hon. Paula Lantz requested a chart showing the modeled housing mix using the same identifying factors, i.e. Los Angeles County, Ventura County, and Imperial County. Mr. Bowlen stated that he would email this information to Hon. Lantz and the Committee.

The Chair welcomed Kevin Viera. Mr. Viera requested confirmation that the numbers created by The Center for Demographic Research in Riverside County have been accepted by SCAG staff, and also stated that WRCOG is concerned that over the last two RHNA's, much of the housing has been allocated to the Inland Empire, and under the RTP and draft forecasts, the direction seems to be changing.

Dr. Wen assured Mr. Viera that the numbers created by The Center for Demographic Research in Riverside County have been accepted. Ms. Harris pointed out that both forecasts are consistent with the approved RHNA through 2014, and stated that her staff would be happy to discuss this further with Mr. Viera.

Mr. Bowlen concluded by saying that the requested action from this Committee is to release for public review and comment, the 2008 RTP Draft Baseline Growth Forecast and the 2008 RTP Draft Policy Growth Forecast.

Further discussion ensued and Committee members stated their stipulations to be included in any motion that may be entertained.

A **MOTION** was made by the Hon. Deborah Robertson to release the 2008 RTP Draft Baseline Growth Forecast and the 2008 RTP Draft Policy Growth Forecast for public review and comment, with the following stipulations:

- 1) Direct staff to release numbers through the draft RTP. Staff will frame the context of what the actual preferred plan or draft plan network is. It is identified as CTC alternative 4, but will be defined with projects.
- 2) Staff will reference the financing cost implications of distributing the draft Policy Growth Forecast, and show that while it may not have a cost directly related to infrastructure provision for transportation, it certainly does have a cost and implementation at the local level.
- 3) Staff will construct a better definition of housing type so that we are able to accommodate the lay persons' expectation and understanding of what housing type means in reference to the mix of potential future housing production, and the mix of the accommodation of future growth, specifically the existing land patterns or existing single family neighborhoods.

The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by the Hon. Kathryn McCullough and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

5.2 Draft Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) Chapters

Doug Kim, SCAG consultant, introduced Pam O'Connor, Chair of the RCP Task Force, and former member of CEHD. Ms. O'Connor explained that the RCP Task Force was charged by the Regional Council to update the 1996 RCP. Ms. O'Connor stated that the Regional Council wanted an integrated plan that would identify ways to link environmental economic mobility and overall quality of life. Ms. O'Connor emphasized that the task force has been driven by the elected officials, and they along with the task force believe it is time to release the three chapters for public review and comment.

Paul Nowatka, Vice Chair of the RCP Task Force, stated that the Draft RCP is a place to begin to move our region to a more sustainable future, and encouraged the Committee to release the three chapters for public review and comment.

A **MOTION** was made by the Hon. Charles White to release the Draft RCP chapters for public review and comment.

The Chair recognized Todd Priest, requesting to speak on behalf of the Building Industry Association (BIA). Mr. Priest requested that the Draft RCP not be released until the RTP is completed. His concern is that if the RTP relies on a document that is not required by SCAG, it could jeopardize the RTP.

The Hon. Jon Edney stated that releasing these chapters for public review and comment does not necessarily conflict with the RTP. Hon. Edney stated that the Regional Council would provide a clearer direction on this today.

The Hon. Larry McCallon stated that he believes the RCP and RTP should be uncoupled, mainly because this particular RCP is a bolder vision that deserves more discussion and debate by the elected officials.

Kevin Viera, WRCOG, stated that the Housing and Land Use chapters should include a pursuit of legislation to increase affordable housing. Mr. Viera further stated that the Economy chapter should address green energy sources such as wind, solar, wave or water.

Hon. Edney reminded the Committee that there was a **MOTION** on the floor made by the Hon. Charles White to release the Draft RCP chapters for public review and comment. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by the Hon. Paul Nowatka. **A roll-call vote was taken and recorded as follows:**

Christine Barnes – Yes
Anne Bayer – Yes
Diane Dubois – Yes
Jon Edney – Yes
Joe Garcia – Yes
Tim Jasper – Yes
Paula Lantz – Yes
Scott Malsin – Yes
Larry McCallon – Yes
Kathryn McCullough – No
Carl Morehouse – Yes
Chris Norby – No
Paul Nowatka – Yes
John Nunez – Yes
Laura Olhasso – Yes

Bob Ring – Yes
Deborah Robertson – Yes
Charles White – Yes

The MOTION passed 16 to 2

5.3 2008 State & Federal Legislative Program – Draft

The Chair requested that this item be postponed until the next meeting. There was no objection.

6.0 CHAIR’S REPORT

Hon. Edney reminded the Committee that he is up for reelection next Tuesday, and wanted to thank the Committee and staff for all their hard work. Hon. Edney stated that he remains hopeful that the election will go in his favor, and is looking forward to another four years with SCAG and CEHD.

7.0 STAFF REPORT

Ms. Harris presented an update on the work with State HCD, and established criteria for infrastructure bond funding. Ms. Harris stated that many changes have been made, but there continues to be at least four key Metrolink station areas not included: Palmdale, Lancaster, Oxnard, and Ventura.

Committee members requested copies of Hon. Nowatka’s presentation. Ms. Harris instructed staff to email the presentation to the members.

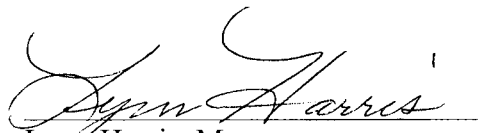
8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were noted or requested.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Edney adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.

Minutes Approved By:


Lynn Harris, Manager
Community Development

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Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName		Representing	X = County Represented							X = Attended					= No Meeting NM = New Member					
			IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Barnes, Christine*		La Palma			X					X	X	X			X			X	X	
Bayer, Anne		Gateway Cities		X							NM							X	X	
Coerper, Gil		Huntington Beach			X					X	X				X			X	EA	
Daigle, Leslie*		OCCOG			X					X	X									
Dubois, Diane		Gateway Cities		X							NM	X	X					EA	X	
Edney, Jon* - Chair		El Centro	X							X	X	X	X		X			EA	X	
Fesmire, Melanie		CVAG				X				X	X		X		X			EA		
Garcia, Joe G.		SGVCOG		X											NM	X			X	
Jasper, Timothy*		Apple Valley				X				X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	
Jeffra, Jim		Lancaster		X											NM					
Lantz, Paula*		Pomona		X						X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	
Lee, Laura		Gateway Cities		X							NM				X	X		EA		
Loveridge, Ronald*		Riverside				X					X	X			X	X		X		
Malsin, D. Scott		Westside Cities COG		X											NM/X	X		X	X	
McCallon, Larry* - Vice-Chair		Highland				X				X	X				X	X		X	X	
McCullough, Kathryn		OCCOG			X					X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	
Morehouse, Carl*		Ventura/VCOG							X	X		X	X		X	X			X	
Mosca, Joseph		SGVCOG		X							NM/X	X	X		X	X				
Norby, Chris*		Orange County			X								X		X	X			X	
Nowatka, Paul*		Torrance		X							X	X	X					X	X	
Nunez, John H.		SGVCOG		X						X	X		X		X	X		X	X	
Olhasso, Laura		Arroyo Verdugo		X						X	X		X		X	X		X	X	
Palmer, Jim		OCCOG			X						NM/X									
Perry, Jan*		Los Angeles		X																
Reyes, Ed*		Los Angeles		X																
Ring, Bob		OCCOG			X						X			X	X			X	X	
Robertson, Deborah*		Rialto				X					X			X	X			X	X	
Serrano, Joseph		Gateway Cities		X																
White, Charles		WRCOG				X				X	X	X	X		X	EA		X	X	

*Regional Council Member